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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of TWO month(s) to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 23, 2001, from March 23, 2001 to May 23, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$ 195.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to change any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1190. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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